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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE,
PATHFINDER PROPOSAL

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1. EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER PATHFINDER PROPOSAL CONVEYED REFTEL IN FACT ENJOYS FULL SUPPORT ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICES CONCERNED WITH SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND U.S. STRATEGY WITH RESPECT THERETO. SEEMS SOMEWHAT ANOMALOUS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AFTER SO MUCH USUN EFFORT AIMED AT MINIMIZING INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEIOUS OR PERIPHERAL TOPICS INTO CONFERENCE AGENDA -- NOT LEAST OF ALL CERDS AND "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" -- WE SHOULD NOW BE JOINING WITH GOM TO SUPPORT SEMINAR WHICH WILL INEVITABLY HIGHLIGHT THESE SAME CONTROVERTED TOPICS .

2. EMBASSY IS NOT SURE WHAT SORTS OF "POLITICAL PROBLEMS" ARE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL PARA TWO. TO BEGIN WITH, FACT THAT DELEGATES WILL BE SELECTED BY U.N. IS NO GUARANTEE OF THEIR POLITICAL IMPARTIALITY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE SEE GREAT POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR U.S. FROM SUBJECT PROPOSAL, IN SENSE THAT IT WILL OPEN DOOR FOR GOM AND HOST OF OTHERS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON BASIC THIRD WORLD THESIS, ALREADY HEARD

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SO OFTEN HERE (MEXICO 1470), THAT KEY TO WOMEN'S

ADVANCEMENT LIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S,
AND END TO COLONIALISM AND "DEPENDENCY", AND MORE
EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM . IN THIS
LIGHT, IT HARDLY SEEMS USEFUL TO US TO FUND SEMINAR
IN WHICH U.S. AND CAPITALIST SYSTEM WILL INEVITABLY BE
BLAMED BY MANY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENT
BARRIERS TO WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT.

3. IN EMBASSY VIEW, PERCY AMENDMENT MANDATE TO
"INTEGRATE WOMEN INTO LDC NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT" IS
NOT RPT NOT SAME AS INTEGRATING DEVELOPMENT
CONTROVERSIES INTO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MEETING.
NEVERTHELESS, IF DEPARTMENT PERSUADED THAT SEMINAR
CONFORMS TO BASIC U.S. WCIWY STRATEGY AND TAKES INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS
OF ACTION OFFICES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY GUIDED US ON THIS
SUBJECT (INCLUDING IO/LABW AND D/IWY), EMBASSY WILL OF
COURSE CONCUR IN PROJECT AND LEND ITS FULL SUPPORT.
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